

Definitions

Bisexual (or bi) - people who have sexual and romantic feelings for both genders.

Heterosexual (or straight) - people who have sexual and romantic feelings primarily for the opposite gender.

Heterosexism - the belief that heterosexuality is superior to other sexual identities and/or discrimination based on that belief.

Homophobia - a term used to describe the misunderstanding, fear, and/or hatred of gay, lesbian, or bisexual people.

Homosexual (or gay; or lesbian when referring exclusively to women) - people who have sexual and romantic feelings primarily for the same gender.

Transgender - a person who crosses traditional gender boundaries, often dressing or passing as a gender different than that usually associated with the biological body into which they were born. Some transgender people are homosexual and some are not. Some opt to surgically change their physical bodies to match their current gender identification or feelings.

GLBTQ-gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and queer